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SUBJ: APPLICATION TO EXIMBANK FOR AIRCRAFT FINANCING

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1. HAD OCCASION TO SEE FINANCE MINISTER MOUKAMBI MORNING APRIL 5 AND ASKED HIM IF WE COULD HAVE COPY OF GOG-UTA AGREEMENT COVERING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST. MOUKAMBI SAID THAT ONLY AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HAD BEEN CONCLUDED BETWEEN GOG AND UTA BUT THAT IT DID NOT GO BEYOND STATEMENT CONTAINED IN HIS LETTER TO EXIMBANK. DETAILED AGREEMENT WITH UTA WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO BE DRAFTED BUT THIS HAD NOT YET TAKEN PLACE. AS SOON AS THERE WAS SUCH AN AGREEMENT AVAILABLE, MOUKAMBI SAID GOG WOULD BE PLEASED TO GIVE COPY TO USG.

2. MOUKAMBI ADDED THAT UTA AND AIR AFRIQUE FLIGHTS OPERATING BETWEEN LIBREVILLE AND EUROPE WERE BOOKED TO CAPACITY MOST OF THE TIME AND THAT UTA COULD EASILY USE AN ADDITIONAL PLANE ON THIS ROUTE, WHENEVER PRESIDENT BONGO DID NOT REQUIRE IT, WITHOUT INTERFERRING WITH PROFITABILITY OF PRESENT AIR SERVICE.

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3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH CASALTA, COUNSELOR TO MOUKAMBI, CASALTA STATED THAT GOG WELL AWARE OF RHODESIAN PROBLEM AND THAT CATEGORICAL STATEMENT IN MOUKAMBI'S LETTER TO EXIMBANK CAREFULLY DRAFTED TO PRECLUDE ANY POSSIBILITY OF USE OF PLANE BY OR FOR RHODESIANS. INASMUCH AS LETTER SIGNED BY RESPONSIBLE GABONESE MINISTER, HE STATED HE DID NOT SEE WHAT MORE USG COULD POSSIBLY REQUIRE IN THE FORM OF ASSURANCES.MCKESSON

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